

TriTAC

TRIBAL CHILD CARE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER



between State, tribal and local early childhood education programs. TriTAC is operated through a contract with Native American Management Services, Inc. (NAMS), a Native American company, in McLean, Virginia.

The Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center (TriTAC) was established by the Child Care Bureau (CCB) in 1998 to strengthen child care services for Native American children and families. Through specialized training and technical assistance efforts, TriTAC assists Indian Tribes and tribal organizations in their efforts to enhance the quality, affordability, and availability of child care. TriTAC also supports tribal communities in their efforts to coordinate early childhood delivery systems by promoting linkages

TriTAC assists tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grantees in child care capacity-building efforts through activities such as:

- Coordination of the annual American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care Conference, annual tribal cluster training sessions, and semi-annual Administrators Training
- Operation of a free information and referral service
- Coordination of semi-annual meetings of the Child Care Bureau's Tribal Work Group
- Partnerships with the Child Care Bureau's Child Care Technical Assistance Network
- Coordination of child care training activities with the ACF Regional Offices
- Maintenance of the TriTAC website, which includes information such as:
 - *Calendar of events*
 - *Contact information for tribal child care grantees*
 - *Tribal resource documents*
 - *CCDF materials*
 - *Profiles of effective program and partnership strategies*
 - *Answers to frequently asked questions*
 - *Minimum tribal child care standards*
 - *Links to tribal, child care, & related Internet sites*

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